



## William (aka Will, Billy) Curry Rankin

October 15, 1978 - April 1, 2026

### Obituary for William Curry Rankin (aka Will, Billy)

William Curry Rankin passed away unexpectedly on April 1, 2026. His loss is deeply felt, and it still does not feel real. A part of our community has gone with him, but his legacy of love, advocacy, and strength will continue through those who knew and loved him.

He is survived by his beloved wife Lynn Hudson Rankin, daughter Gabriella (Brielle), son Gianluca (Gianni); and extended family on both sides, including parents Jim and Saranna Rankin, two brothers Jamie Rankin (Vanessa) and Jeremy Rankin (Ebony) and sister Louise Jefferson (Jeff), in laws Perry and Fran Hudson, two sisters-in-law Beth Walker (Jason) and Christie Schroder (Scott); 18 aunts and uncles and 13 nieces and nephews, many, many cousins, and several dear friends who became family.

Will Rankin was the kind of person who made you believe — in the work, in the mission, and in yourself. A devoted husband and father, Will placed his family at the center of everything he did, leading with strength, compassion, and unwavering love.

He will be remembered by his children as kind, understanding, honest, and endlessly loyal — a great listener who made everyone around him feel heard

and valued. To his wife, Will was a partner with a deep passion for helping others and building a better future, especially for their children. That passion was lived daily. As the father of a son with autism and a daughter with ADHD, Will was not only an advocate for accessibility and inclusion — he embodied it in every aspect of his life.

Those who knew Will describe him as having a truly kind heart, always caring, deeply knowledgeable, and committed to lifting others up. He was a tireless advocate who wanted nothing more than for everyone to be well, to succeed, and to feel supported. He showed up fully for his family, his community, and his purpose — and his absence leaves a space that cannot be filled.

While this chapter has brought profound grief, Will's family remains surrounded by love and support. In honoring his life, we carry forward his mission — to build a more compassionate, inclusive world.

“My father believed in strength and kindness — and through you, we are seeing both. This is the hardest mic drop I've ever had to write, but thank you for standing with us, for your kindness, and for helping us honor my father's memory.”

— Brielle Rankin

In lieu of flowers please support the family and children by making a donation.  
[https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-will-rankins-family-children?fbclid=IwdGRjcARHTOhjbGNrBEdMuWV4dG4DYWVtAjExAHNydGMGYXBwX2lkCjY2Mjg1NjgzNzkAAR4-9TKPab00c4LCmfbuC-JZiUjDRMk8lcQ0yk5vUtBpHPsa8y1vEMa2N1yvGg\\_aem\\_b5G9VwMVKN4Vwgy1hPcL2Q](https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-will-rankins-family-children?fbclid=IwdGRjcARHTOhjbGNrBEdMuWV4dG4DYWVtAjExAHNydGMGYXBwX2lkCjY2Mjg1NjgzNzkAAR4-9TKPab00c4LCmfbuC-JZiUjDRMk8lcQ0yk5vUtBpHPsa8y1vEMa2N1yvGg_aem_b5G9VwMVKN4Vwgy1hPcL2Q)

There is a Homegoing Service Saturday, April 25, 2026.

First Baptist Church  
9258 Center Street  
Manassas, VA 20110

Visitation 12-1pm

Celebration of Life 1-3pm

Repast to immediately follow in FBC Fellowship Hall from 4-6pm

\* Please honor him by wearing something comfortable, that represents his favorite sports team (football, soccer, swim, gymnastics, etc.), anime, music, etc. He's moto was come as you are, because all are welcome.

# Previous Events

## Home Going Funeral Service- Visitation

APR **25**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church  
9258 Center Street  
Manassas, VA 20110

## Home Going Funeral Service- Celebration of Life

APR **25**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church  
9258 Center Street  
Manassas, VA 20110

## Repast to immediately follow in FBC Fellowship Hall

APR **25**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church  
9258 Center Street  
Manassas, VA 20110

# Tribute Wall

JD

“ I just found out today of Will's passing, and want to send my deepest condolences to the Rankin family and all who knew Will.

*I had the pleasure of working with Will at Lockheed-Martin in King of Prussia years ago. He was a very sharp engineer, as well as being a warm and sociable person whom we all enjoyed working with.*

*God bless and comfort you all during this difficult time.*

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**Joe DiBruno** - May 13 at 10:17 AM

LI

“ Saranna and Jim: I am so deeply sorry for your loss. I remember Billy running up and down the soccer field as a newbie to the game with my daughter, Kristine when they were 5 or 6. I watched him grow as a young boy at Sudley ES and always enjoyed seeing him. Praying for your family.

*Linda Whitehead*

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**Linda** - April 27 at 12:17 PM

NW

“ Everytime when the rankin family came to hang out, before they left I would always hang on his arm and see if he could carry me. 😊 I'm gonna miss those times. -Nicholas Walker

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**Nicholas Walke** - April 26 at 07:26 PM

NW

*Dang it i spelled my own name wrong accidentally*

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**Nicholas Walker** - April 26 at 07:26 PM

LR

*He had fun doing that and I have a photo of you two doing that! ❤️*

Lynn M Rankin - April 27 at 10:48 PM

KS

“ *One day my brother (Aaron Schroeder) was struggling with his coding in coding class. He stayed on a call helping Aaron do his coding for a couple hours. Billy was a good guy he was kind and would spend hours talking with Aaron about rockets and he was an amazing person.*

Kate Schroeder - April 25 at 02:25 PM

LR

*Thank you Kate! ❤️ He lived you too and how gentle and caring you are with Gianni! 💕*

Lynn M Rankin - April 27 at 10:49 PM

BR

“ *My dad was the best dad I could have I'd never ask for anyone better. Rest in peace my father. We will miss you more than ever. I love you dad. -Brielle Rankin*

Brielle Rankin - April 25 at 02:24 PM

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Kate Schroeder - April 25 at 02:26 PM

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Abigail Walker - April 25 at 09:50 PM

LR

*Dad is always with you and loves you more than you know! ❤️ 🥺*

Lynn M Rankin - April 27 at 10:51 PM

CJ

“ Will was so devoted to his family and a true light in his community. He brought warmth wherever he went. Our deepest condolences go out to the Rankin family. We will forever carry the joy and love he shared with us all.  
The Johnson Family



Cheryl Johnson - April 23 at 10:09 PM

LR

Thank you! He loved your family and the conversations. He always had fun and enjoyed spending Halloween with you all.

Lynn M Rankin - April 27 at 10:52 PM

JC

“ Comfort and Condolences from Udon and Judith Cheek.

JUDITH CHEEK - April 22 at 02:24 PM

CB

“ Such a Gentle Soul. I am praying with you all.  
My sincere Condolences. I am Heartbroken.  
Be Strong  
Charlyne Braxton



Charlyne Braxton - April 21 at 06:00 PM

OS

“ We extend our deepest condolences to the whole Rankin family. This is an immeasurable loss, and we pray that the Lord will uphold you with His love and peace, His strength, and His abiding comfort. May Will’s memory remain a light among us, and may our prayers surround you with warmth and love.. Oscar & Zandi Siwali



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**Oscar Siwali** - April 20 at 09:17 AM

SP

“ Sandra Pickett-Barnes lit a candle in memory of William (aka Will, Billy) Curry Rankin



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**Sandra Pickett-Barnes** - April 17 at 03:15 PM

SF

“ Will served this world with a rare kind of selflessness. He had a way of shining his light on everyone he met—a constant encourager and a true cheerleader for others. He encouraged me to keep going with my business, WebCraft, believing in the mission to make the world more inclusive for his children, Brielle and Gianni, and for others. He touched so many lives, and I’m grateful to say he changed mine for the better. I look forward to the day I see him again when God calls me home. My deepest condolences to his family—you are all in my prayers.  
- Steph Fenton

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**Stephanie Fenton** - April 14 at 12:20 PM

TF

“ *Tina Favara-Mullins lit a candle in memory of William (aka Will, Billy) Curry Rankin*



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**Tina Favara-Mullins** - April 11 at 09:11 AM